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**Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced application as requested herein. It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 03654.0250.CNUS02.

**Amendments**

***In the Specification:***

On page 1, lines 3-5, please delete ~~"This application is a continuation-in-part of prior~~  
*now abandoned,*  
U.S. patent application serial no. 09/282,165, filed March 31, 1999, the entire contents of

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